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W3RQZ - 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA - Trustee W3VVS

W3TKQ - The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3PMG

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Publicity: W3EAY  
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W3TKQ: W3PMG  
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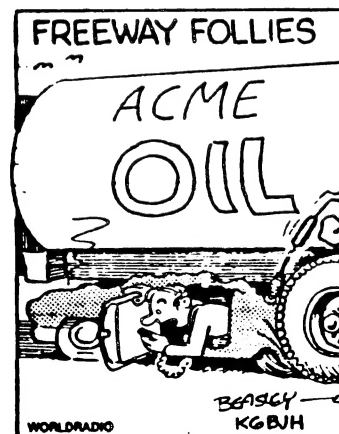
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DEADLINE: To be assured of publication in the current month, all copy MUST be in the hands of the Editor at the Bored of Directors' Meeting.

## PHIL-MONT's Net Schedule

SUNDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
09 30 147.030 MHz FM	20:00 147.030 MHz FM	20:00 147.030 MHz FM
10 00 28.400 MHz SSB	Personalized CW	Swap Net
10 20 3.993 MHz SSB	Practice Net	

Recipe from Jackie Chedeville was GREAT! de W3VVS



I'LL GET WITH YOU LATER, BUD -  
I THINK THIS TANKER TRUCK IS  
DE-TUNING MY ANTENNA

(Thanks, WORLD RADIO)



to our repeater repairmen for adjustments, repairs and maintenance during the extreme weather in August. We really do appreciate it and thank you!

### HAMFESTS

We will print an ongoing schedule of Hamfests based on information received. Please help us keep our list current. If you don't see your favorite event listed here, it's because YOU didn't send it to W3IIM prior to the BLURB deadline!

MAR 5

DOVER, PA  
YORK WINTERFEST

1989

### Who said that?

"No worries, Boss. Nobody's going to buy those little Japanese cars."

"Who on earth would want six bottles of the same thing in a package with a handle on it?"

"Watches with no hands? You're crazy."

"Oh, come on! Don't tell me they can put music on Scotch tape."

-Charro, Brownsville, TX

(Thanks, WORLD RADIO)

## OUR SENTIMENTS EXACTLY:

### AM I A PAIN IN THE NECK?

If you are not guilty of being a pain in the neck, you should not read any further. But seriously, what follows is not what you may think.

The other evening, I was talking to Leo, KC2YI, on the phone and he provided me with much of the inspiration and material for this article. He was relating to me that earlier in the day he was trying to figure out how to operate his new rig and called a fellow ham on the phone who owns the same rig for some advice. He called up and said "I hope I'm not being a pain in the neck, but could you give me some advice on how to operate this rig". Of course, his fellow ham was more than happy to oblige.

He then told me of a similar incident prior to starting his now famous "HF to 2-meter patches". He said that while getting the patch set up for the first time, he called a fellow ham and asked him to listen to the signal. You know, "I hope I'm not being a pain in the neck, but could you tell me how my signal is coming through". His fellow ham was of course happy to answer his request.

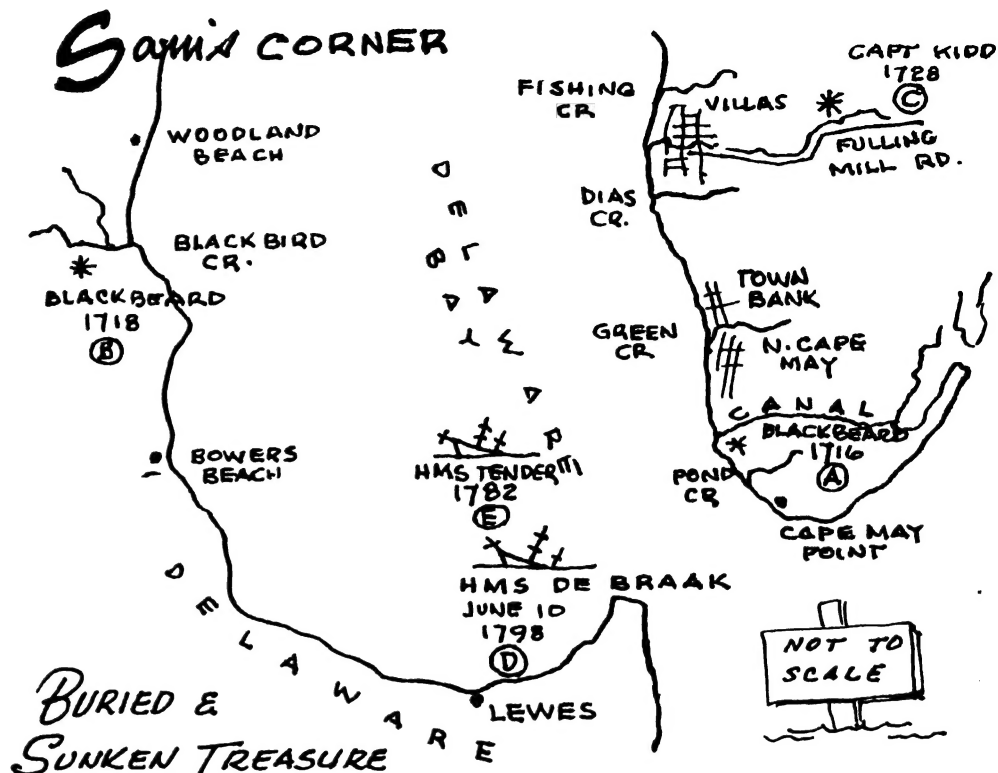
By now you're getting the idea. Asking advice of a fellow ham does not make you a "pain in the neck". To quote Leo "there is no such thing as being a pain in the neck". This is a service, and we can provide a better service if we hams call on each other for advice when we need it. Chances are, there is a fellow ham out there who has the answer to your question, and you need not consider yourself a "pain in the neck" for asking it.

So particularly to you newer hams out there, please stop worrying about being a "pain in the neck" when you have a "dumb question" to ask. Asking questions is how you learn, and your fellow hams are a great pool of knowledge to tap for the answers. Even long-time hams

call on their fellow amateurs for help and advice when they need it. Chances are a fellow ham can help you with the answer or refer you to someone who can help you.

An unsigned editorial in SPARC GAP, the newsletter of the Shore Points ARC.

(Ed-If you THINK you are a P-I-T-N, you probably are, OR if YOU think you are a P-I-T-N it is probably unanimous)



- A - TWO CHESTS OF SPANISH SILVER COIN- BY BLACKBEARD- 1716 AT HIGBEE BEACH
- B - ONE CHEST GOLD DUBLOONS BY BLACKBEARD SOUTH OF BLACKBIRD CR. DELA. 1718
- C - 1400 GOLD BRITISH COIN- 10,000 SILVER BY CAPT KIDD-1728 EAST OF VILLAS N.J.
- D - 400,000 BRITISH GOLD COIN SUNK WITH HMS DE BRAAK OFF LEWES DEL. 1798
- E - 20,000 BRITISH SILVER COIN SUNK WITH HMS TENDER IN BATTLE WITH USS WASP 1782 - ONE MILE OFF SUNSET BEACH NJ

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE CONTACT ME BY MAIL.

MINUTES  
GENERAL MEETING  
AUGUST 1988

WB3CMM called the meeting to order at 8pm at the Franklin Institute. Since the membership sheet was left at the guard station, presumably since its custodian W3VVS was involved with the volunteer exam program, many members, including yours truly, did not sign the sheet in the right place and signed in as visitors rather than as members. Therefore an accurate count of visitors is not available unless someone wants to check thru a list of all the members. One call listed in the members column was 8:20pm.

W3TKQ (W3PWG)

Rollie said that W3BBB brought in some RTTY equipment for the station. Otherwise everything else is status quo.

Paddlerama (W3BBB)

Jim indicated that in order to assure more canoe participation (there were only 6 this year) that an up front participation fee would probably be charged next year for entrants. That way, more participants would more likely show up.

Volunteer Examinations (W3RM)

There were 11 applicants  
17 elements taken  
9 passed  
7 upgrades

Programs for the next several months include  
September Demonstration of the Super Deluxe \$6,000 ICOM 781 HF Transceiver.  
October Family Night  
November Old Timers Night

The August program was the updated videotaped version of "Every Single Minute" which included the original 1950's film. It also included an interview with Jim Spencer, W3BBB in his Shades and "Mr. Cool" outfit in which he discussed the Phil-Mont MoCom Van and Ham Radio in general. The film was enjoyed by all and Thanks go especially to Jack, W3IIM who sent it Federal Express so it would arrive in time for the meeting

Meeting adjourned for refreshments at 9:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert R. Moore, N2RM, Secretary

DON'T BUY 'EM!

STOLEN - 9/26/88 - Philadelphia

YAESU FT707 HF rig s/n 060 30002

YAESU FT227R 2m rig s/n 8D0 60121

Call WB3CMM at 215-623-3501

## New Name, New Agenda for NBS

As a result of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act, signed into law on August 23, the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) officially became the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The new institute retains all of the traditional functions and services of NBS and takes on several new assignments designed to boost American industry in the world marketplace. The new responsibilities build on the technical expertise of NBS, the only federal laboratory with a mission specifically to support U.S. industry. NIST will work with several new constituencies, including state and local

economic development organizations. Four major new programs are called for by the legislation: 1) the development of regional centers for transfer of manufacturing technology, 2) the creation of a focal point within the federal government to work with and support state and local industrial extension services, 3) the creation of an advanced technology program to support and encourage the rapid commercialization of promising new inventions and technologies and 4) the creation of a national clearinghouse of information on state and local technology development initiatives.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Since July 1, Commodore has had a PC trade-in program offering owners of Commodore 64, 64C, C16, 128 & the original Commodore Pet \$100 credit toward the purchase of any AMIGA PC, through any authorized Amiga dealer.

### MORE GOODIES!

Many thanks to Jim, W3AWG and to Rollie, W3PWG for some great additions to the club's archives.

Jim turned over five earoussels of slides, a whole file box filled with club records, and many signs and posters more than 25 years old.

Rollie relinquished a file containing W3TKQ info, and has also lent us a photo album.

Many of these items will be on display at the November - OLE TIMERS' NIGHT meeting.

(215) 448-1139

Net Control operators:  
Announce this number on each net!

## OLE TIMERS' NIGHT

OLD FRIENDS \* NEW FRIENDS \* OLD  
PICTURES \* POSTERS \* AUDIO TAPE  
OF 1962 DEDICATION OF W3TKO \* SPE-  
CIAL REFRESHMENTS \* FELLOWSHIP \*  
GREAT TIME \* NOW!

Offer an older member a ride!

### \* UPDATE \*

NOV 7 General Meeting  
OLE TIMERS' NIGHT  
Special Program!

Nov 16 Directors' meeting at  
AK2I's

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DEC 5 General Meeting  
AWARDS  
&  
ELECTIONS

Dec 14 Directors' meeting at  
W3IIM & M's

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JAN 9 General Meeting

Jan 18 Directors' meeting at  
the Immediate Past  
President's QTH

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FEB 6 General Meeting

Feb 15 Directors' meeting

## V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

BRYN MAWR  
Bob Haase, W3SA  
(215) 293-1919

CENTER CITY  
Nov 7, Dec 5  
Ramona Dabagian, KN3M  
(215) 448-1139

COLMAR  
Stu Silverstein, K3UE1  
(215) 584-0775

LEVITTOWN  
Dave Heller, K3TX  
(215) 736-3333

NEWTOWN SQUARE  
John Chester  
(215) 544-3837

WARMINSTER  
Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ  
(215) 343-3494

## NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

NAME: Brad Swanson  
HANDLE: Brad  
CALL: N3GLH  
CLASS: Technician  
ADDRESS: 517 Cresheim Valley Rd.  
Myndmoor, PA 19118  
HOME PHONE: (215) 836-2473  
OCCUPATION: Mechanic-Tech  
BUSINESS PHONE: (215) 659-8110

Due to an oversight, Brad's  
application was not published in  
the October BLURB. However, in  
order to avoid further delay,  
Brad was elected to membership at  
the October Directors' meeting.  
Welcome, Brad!

## MINUTES DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 1988

The August mid-month meeting was held at the home of WB3CMM on August 17 in Aldan, Pa. It was held on an evening which continued the monthly trend of having mid-month meetings on nights of violent thunderstorm activity. Those who were able to witness the strange cloud formations and violent storm activity in their travels to CMM's included N3EAY, KB3IV, N2RM, W3IIN, W3IIM, and W3BBB. After the Secretary arrived the President, N3EAY called the meeting to order.

The Treasurer, KB3IV reported that expenditures were at last exceeding the inflow of funds.

N3EAY reported that other clubs had been contacted about the Philadelphia Thanksgivings day parade and he thought Phil-Mont had not.

W3BBB said he is finished with the UHF interface for the repeater.

WB3CMM Indicated that October's Family Night program would be Art Appreciation by K3GBA's daughter.

Revisions to By-Laws compiled by W3IIN will be printed for passing out at a future meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert R. Moore, N2RM, Secretary



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04-RITA DeSIMONE (XYL K3YOD)  
08-JOHN J. CAREONARD -WA3THP  
11-RUTH KENWORTHY (XYL W3HNP)  
12-ARNOLD SADWIN - KC2HX  
13-CHARLES M. SNYDER - W2HSA  
18-HOWARD C. GILPIN - W3SRU  
22-WILLIAM H. POPVIC - N3FVI  
25-WILLIAM E. RHOADS - ND3Q  
26-JOHN CLIFTON - KA3RRG  
27-MELVIN S. TOREN - W2GMA  
29-ROBERT NANN - K2RRC  
30-STUART BOREEN - N3EIK

### TIME TO RENEW

W2FUN ... IT'S TIME TO FILL OUT A 610 THE FCC.

### HELP PHIL-MONT


ARE YOU PLANNING TO JOIN ARRL OR RENEW YOUR  
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP? HELP PHIL-MONT BY JOINING  
OR RENEWING THROUGH THE CLUB...CONTACT KB3IV  
FOR THE DETAILS.

....DE WB3KDJ

1988

NOVEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 CODE PRACTICE NET	2 SWAP NET	3	4	5
6 2m NCS WB3CMM 10m NCS Anyone 75m NCS W3PWJ	7 GENERAL MEETING & LICENSE EXAMS	8 CODE PRACTICE NET  <i>Election Day</i> <b>VOTE!</b>	9 SWAP NET	10	11	12
13 2m NCS NEEDED 10m NCS Anyone 75m NCS W3AOA	14	15 CODE PRACTICE NET	16 SWAP NET DIRECTORS' MEETING at AK2I's	17 	18 <i>Veteran's Day</i> <b>NEXT BOARD MEETING</b>	19
20 2m NCS KB3JW 10m NCS Anyone 75m NCS W3RCE	21	22 CODE PRACTICE NET	23 SWAP NET	24	25	26
27 2m NCS KA3BET 10m NCS Anyone 75m NCS AK2I	28	29 CODE PRACTICE NET	30 SWAP NET	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>		

PHILMONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INC.

1989 BUDGET

ACCOUNT	INCOME	EXPENSE
ARRL RENEWALS	\$200.00	\$184.00
ARCHIVES	---	25.00
AWARDS	---	135.00
9LUR8	26.00	1,400.00
COM VAN MAINTENANCE	---	100.00
DONATIONS	200.00	---
DOOR PRIZES: 50-50	250.00	125.00
DUES	1,800.00	---
MISC. INCOME/EXPENSE	50.00	25.00
MEMORIAL/SUNSHINE FUND	---	50.00
PROJECT SALES/EXPENSES	10.00	25.00
REFRESHMENTS	---	175.00
REPEATER	---	150.00
SOCIAL EVENTS	900.00	900.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	---	60.00
STATIONERY/POSTAGE/SUPPL.	---	32.00
W3TKQ STATION	---	50.00
	\$3,436.00	\$3,436.00

## OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT

This is your Official Absentee Ballot for the Election of Officers to be held on December 5, 1988. This ballot must be in the hands of the Judge-of-Elections before the nominations are declared closed on election night.

### PROCEDURE:

1. Make your selection below.
2. Seal this BALLOT in an envelope.
3. Write your call on the OUTSIDE of the envelope.
4. Place inside another envelope and mail, or have delivered, to the Judge-of-Elections before the election begins on December 5th.

NOTE: If, after submitting your absentee ballot, you are able to attend the election, you may claim your unopened envelope prior to casting a regular ballot.

PRESIDENT	( ) W3UY	( ) _____
VICE-PRESIDENT	( ) WA3AUN	( ) _____
SECRETARY	( ) N2RM	( ) _____
TREASURER	( ) KB3IV	( ) _____
DIRECTOR	( ) W3BBB	( ) W3LKI
(Vote for two)	( ) K3GBA	( ) _____

DELIVER TO THE JUDGE-OF-ELECTIONS  
or mail in care of:

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19001